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	We have looped in ODNCS and others to ensure everyone has a chance to review given the urgency at which this is being requested.
	For ODNCS - at this morning HPSCI coffee with DCIA, HPSCI members eagerly sought some sort of "white paper" they could use to reply to numerous media requests asking for comments on other inflammatory press articles regarding the Benghazi attacks.
	HPSCI has asked for unclassified points immediately that they can use in talking to the media. I have been asked to provide a bit on responsibility. NE is pulling together the final product. In addition to other topics, NE will add material about warnings we gave to Cairo prior to the demonstrations, as well as material on warnings we issued prior to 9/11 anniversary. Please take a quick look to see if you believe that this is A) accurate and B) unclass.
	For CTC/Legal, asked that I send this to you and anybody you think needs to see in OGC to make sure that nothing we are saying here is likely to impact any potential future legal prosecution.
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Echoing my voicemail to you:

You should be seeing some "White Paper" talking points from us this afternoon for coordination. They are for Congressional use, per their request, re Benghazi issues.

Thanks,

Chief, Media Relations

**CIA Office of Public Affairs** 



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HPSCI has requested talking points from the DCIA for use with the media.

Please review the below and respond with your comments ASAP.

Thanks very much,

Chief Media Relation

Chief, Media Relations CIA Office of Public Affairs

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## HPSCI White Paper Talking Points for Use with the Media

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- •The crowd almost certainly was a mix of individuals from across many sectors of Libyan society. The investigation is on-going as to who is responsible. That being said, we do know that Islamic extremists participated in the violent demonstrations.
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Vietor, Tommy [Thomas\_F.\_Vietor@v :

Sent:

Friday, September 14, 2012 8:58 PM

To: Subject: Nuland, Victoria J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; STATE PA RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

We will use these too

----Original Message----

From: Nuland, Victoria J [nulandvj@]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:55 PM Eastern Standard Time To: Vietor, Tommy; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.;

Subject: Re: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

These are points for Congress to use w press. Shant they be consistent with our own public lines if we are recommending them?

From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas\_F.\_Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:43 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. <Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes@\

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

There is massive disinformation out there, in particular with Congress. They all think it was premeditated based on inaccurate assumptions or briefings. So I think this is a response to not only a tasking from the house intel committee but also NSC guidance that we need to brief members/press and correct the record

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J [SullivanJJ@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; STATE PA, Nuland, Victoria J

Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Skinnying list. I do not understand the nature of this exercise. And some of the statements below are new by me. Can we have a conversation before this goes out?

From: Adams, David S

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:39 PM To: Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; . CIA OPA ; Shawn.Turner@c ; STATE PA : Sullivan, Jacob J

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CC: CIA OCA Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

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Sent: Fridav. September 14, 2012 6:48 PM CA OFA , Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS PRESS, Shawn.Turner@ TO CIA DPA

Nuland, Victoria J; STATE PA WH PRESS

CC CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

FYI, Brennan will have edits. Im waiting for those.

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CIA OPA

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:43 PM

To: Shawn.Turner@

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CC: CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Looping in State. I think that's a good adjustment.

From: Shawn S Turner

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:41 PM

To: CIA OPA; Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

CC: CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

I've been very careful not to say we issued a warning. Any concerns with adjusting the first highlighted line to say:

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From: CIA OFA

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:24 PM

To: Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

Cc: UA OUShawn S Turner

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Thanks very much for your prompt response, Tommy.

Will send over to STATE.

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From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas F. Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:21 PM

To: CIA JOA; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

Cc: CIA Cashawn S Turner

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

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CIA OFA

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 5:09 PM

NSS, WH PRESS To: Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.;

CC: CIA OCA Shawn.Turner@

Subject: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Colleagues:

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Please review this revised version:

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Chief, Media Relations CIA Office of Public Affairs CIA OFA

From:

CIA OPA

Sent:

Friday, September 14, 2012 9:15 PM

To:

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W: Revised HPSCI taking points

Here's where we stand as of this hour.

Everyone has submitted coordination comments.

The State Department had major reservations with much or most of the document. We revised the document with their concerns in mind. The latest version is below, as sent to State.

OHOPA

From:

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:59 PM

To: nulandvi

Cc:

Subject: Revised HPSCI taking points

Toria:

We further discussed the HPSCI talking points with your comments and concerns in mind.

The FBI did not have major concerns with the points and offered only a couple of minor suggestions.

Here's the latest version of the points. Please let us know your thoughts ASAP.

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Thanks.

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Thanks Fyi FBI says AQ (not AQIM) was involved and they are pursuing that theory.
So we are not ahead of law enforcement now.
So are cleared to send to congress?
From: CIAOPA  Sept: Folday Santember 14, 2012 09:14 PM  To: CIAOCA GCA  Cc: CIAOCA  Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI taking points
Here's where we stand as of this hour.
Everyone has submitted coordination comments.
The State Department had major reservations with much or most of the document. We revised the document with their concerns in mind. The latest version is below, as sent to State.
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We further discussed the HPSCI talking points with your comments and concerns in mind.
The FBI did not have major concerns with the points and offered only a couple of minor suggestions.
Here's the latest version of the points. Please let us know your thoughts ASAP.

Thanks,

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Here's a draft note to the DIRECTOR

Sir - We've tried to work the draft talking points for HPSCI through the coordination process but have run into major problems. Perhaps as a result of the afternoon teleconference, a number of agencies have been looped in. The White House cleared quickly, but State has major concerns. The Bureau cleared with a few comments but asked that Justice, which would handle any criminal prosecution, be brought in. It is evident that will not happen tonight, and Ben Rhodes has asked that this issue be reviewed tomorrow morning at the Deputies' meeting.

Additionally, Eric Schmitt of the NYT contacted us to let us know that he had spoken with Rep. Ruppersberger, who had given him a readout of your session.

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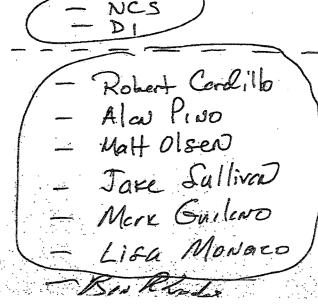
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DDCIA requests right away internal coordination on the enclosed unclass TPs for HPSCI. Please respond ASAP.

Thanks, 00c1A-FO

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#### HPSCI White Paper Talking Points for Use with the Media

#### 14 September 2012

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From: Matthew G. Olsen Date: 09/15/2012 11:09 AM Subject: [AIN] FW: Unclassified Talking Points

MICHAEJM

Please respond to "Matthew G. Olsen"

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Michael -- TPs sent to Ruppersberger from ODNI leg.

----Original Message--

From: NCTC/OLK
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 10:51 AM To: Nicholas J Rasmussen; Matthew G. Olsen

cc: NCTC

Subject: Unclassified Talking Points

Sirs - Here is what we sent Heather Molino (Ruppersberger)

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As time progresses, we are learning more, but we still don't have a complete picture of what happened. Fortunately we have the FBI leading the investigation of the attack. Regrettably they have all too much experience in these matters.

At this point, we are not aware of any actionable intelligence that this attack was planned or imminent. The intelligence community is combing through reporting from before and after the attack to determine the full extent of who was involved.

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Unrest in the Middle East creates a permissive environment for terrorists. In the days and weeks ahead, we need to be especially vigilant in protecting our people.

Legislative Liaison
Office of the Director
of National Intelligence



From: Rhodes, Benjamin J.	Subject:	[AIN] RE:	
Date: 09/15/2012 11:12 AM	To:	'micha <u>eim</u>	Robert.Cardillo
		alanrp	matt.olsen
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Please respond to "Rhodes, Benjamin J."

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From: Matthew G. Olsen Date: 09/15/2012 11:15 AM

Subject: [AIN] RE:

To:

'Rhodes, Benjamin J.', MICHAEJM , Robert Cardillo, Alan

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Michael -- This looks good to me.

-Matt

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CC: LIA OCH/ORA CIA FO
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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM
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From: Matthew G. Olsen Date: 09/15/2012 11:16 AM Subject: [AIN] RE:

To:

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CC: CIA OCA/OPA

FO

Please respond to "Matthew G. Olsen"

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From: Rhodes, Benjamin J. [mailto:Benjamin J. Rhodes]
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From: Sullivan, Jacob J Date: 09/15/2012 11:26 AM Subject: [AIN] RE:

Rhodes, Benjamin J., michaejm, Robert Cardillo, alanrp, matt.olsen, mark.giuliano, jcingli, lisa:monaco

Cc:

CFA OCA, DRA Please respond to "Sullivan.

Jacob J*
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This looks good. Two small edits:
<ol> <li>We call it "the US mission" or the "US diplomatic post" because it is not actually a Consulate.</li> <li>There is a missing "of" in the third tic.</li> </ol>

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		alanrp	natt.olsen
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Please respond to "Monaco, Lisa (NSD)"

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Michael - DOJ and FBI are ok with these. thanks

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John C.

NSA concurs with the content and cast of the bullets. Thanks for the chance

Chris Inglis

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## CIAOCA

From: Sent:

CIA OCA Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:03 PM

FO

To:

MICHAEIM

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Subject:

Looks like just about everyone has concurred. I am standing by to forward the latest Michael, version to the committees.

CIA FO

### V/r DCA

---- Original Message -----

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM

To: Robert Cardillo; Alan R Pino; Matthew G. Olsen; 'sullivanjj

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### CIA FO

From:

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He:

Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM CTA OCA MICHAEJM

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### OCA

Before going to the committees, may I please ask you to send these to the Director? He needs to know in advance what is going to the Hill in his name, even if it going with the force of full interagency coordination.

Cheers, CIA FO

Cheers.

---- Original Message ----

From: CIA OCA

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:02 PM

To: MICHAEJM

CC: UIA OPA CIA FO

Subject: Re:

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CC: (LTA OCA)

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From: Robert Cardillo Date: 09/15/2012 12:24 PM

Subject: [AIN] Re:

MICHAEJM, Alan R Pino To:

Please respond to Robert Cardillo

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I am, Michael.

. ---- Original Message ----

From: MICHAEJM

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:20 PM

To: Robert Cardillo; Alan R Pino

Subject: Fw:

Robert, Alan--Everyone else has coordinated and HPSCI is waiting not so patiently. Are you guys good? Michael

---- Original Message ----

From: CIA OPA Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM TO: CFA MICHAEJM

CEA FO Cc: CAFO

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Subject: [AIN] RE: To:

MICHAEJM, CEAOPA

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This is to confirm in writing: I just spoke with Alan on the phone. Allen said he concurred with the TPs.

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From: MICHAEJM

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:19 PM

TO: CEAOPA, CFAOCA

CC: CEA FO

Subject: Re:

Thanks. I will bug Robert and Alan.

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From: CEA OPA Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM

To: CFAOGC MICHAEJM Cc: CIA FO CIA FO Subject: RE:

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From: CFA OCA Date: 09/15/2012 12:43 PM Subject: [AIN] Re: **MICHAEJM** 

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---- Original Message -----

From: MICHABJM

Sent Saturday Sentember 15 2012 12:37 PM

TO: CIA OPA, CIA OCA

LEAFO Cc: GTA FO

Subject: Re:

everyone has coordinated. OPA has captured the changes below. Please run the points by the Director, then get them to HPSCI. I spoke to the Director earlier about State's deep concerns about mentioning the warnings and the other work done on this, but you will want to reemphasize in your note to DCIA. Thanks. Michael

---- Original Message -----

From: CIA OPA

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM To: CLAOCH MICHAEJM

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:03 PM To: MICHARIM
CC: CIA OPA CIA FO CIA FO
Subject: Re:
Michael,
Looks like just about everyone has concurred. I am standing by to forward
the latest version to the committees.
V/r
OCA
Original Message
From: MICHAEJM
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Robert Gardillo lan R Pino; Matthew G. Olsen; 'sullivanj
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To:

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Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:51 PM

o:

DAVIDHP74

Cc:

MICHAEJM; CEA FO DI

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CIA OPA CIA OCA

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From:

USUN

.Sent:

Saturday. September 15, 2012 2:21 PM

To:

Subject:

Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Please do-I have not reached out.

Best, USUN

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 02:15 PM

Subject: Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

references below unless either of you are linked in to this effort. Pls let I'm going to email Jake on the libya points me know.

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From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 01:23 PM

To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); USUN ; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN);

Subject: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Libya:

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HPSCI request: Late this week, CIA Director Petraeus gave the HPSCI a "hots spots" briefing and was asked for unclassified talking points that its members could use about incident in Benghazi. (Apparently NCTC Director Matt Olson received a similar committee from a congressional committee.) The first draft apparently seemed unsuitable (based on conversations on the SVTS and afterwards) because they seemed to encourage the reader to infer incorrectly that the CIA had warned about a specific attack on our embassy. On the SVTS, Morell noted that these points were not good and he had taken a heavy editing hand to them. He noted that he would be happy to work with Jake Sullivan and Rhodes to develop appropriate talking points. McDonough, on Rhodes's behalf, deferred to Sullivan. It was agreed that Jake would work closely with the intelligence community (within a small group) to finalize points on Saturday that could be shared with HPSCI. I spoke to Jake immediately after the SVTS and noted that you were doing the Sunday morning shows and would need to be aware of the final posture that these points took. He committed to ensure that we were updated in advance of the Sunday shows. I specifically mentioned USUN as the one coordinating your preparations for the shows and also strongly encouraged him to loop in USUN during the process.

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From:

DAVIDHP74

Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:27 PM

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CIA OCA

Cc: Subject: MICHAEJM; CITA FO

RE: Hill Talking Points

No mention of the cable to Cairo, either? Frankly, I'd just as soon not use this, then... NSS's call, to be sure; however, this is certainly not what Vice Chairman RUppersberger was hoping to get for unclas use. Regardless, thx for the great work -

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Subject:

Re: Libya - Unclass IC pts

## Coming your way.

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From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 02:33 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J

CC: USUN

Subject: Libya - Unclass IC pts

Jake - understand from USUN that you're working a set of unclass IC pts on libya for the Hill. If these are going to be finalized by Sunday am (or COB today), can we get a copy for Susan to ensure we're on the same msg? Happy to have USUN work with whomever on the State team is handling this, unless it's you - in which case happy to get them directly. Whatever is easiest.

Many thx.

USUN

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Saturday. September 15, 2012 2:44 PM

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NSC Deputy Press Secretary

o: Subject: USUN

Re:

Yup

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 05:59 PM To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy

Subject: FW:

Is this the final language you want to use on Benghazi? Have short window to get her something on paper soon.

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